

**Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.'s issued the following statement on the FY2011 Agriculture Budget:**

"I am highly disappointed in the president's budget proposals to further reduce support for America's peanut farmers. During the past several years, the peanut industry as a whole has made major concessions. In the 2008 Farm Bill, producers saw a price support system of 610.00 lower to 355.00 per ton. The agricultural budget proposals released yesterday will further erode our farmers' safety net and that is unacceptable.

"The industry cannot continue to sustain these blows and compete on a global market. While I support the efforts of the president to restore fiscal responsibility, I cannot support these reductions in the storage and handling of our peanuts, or any other measure that would put a burden on our production agriculture."

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